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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO URGES CAUTION AS TEMPERATURES PLUMMET

'Code Blue' activates when the overnight temperature with wind chill drops to 32°

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello is reminding residents to use caution as the National Weather Service forecasts sub-zero wind chills through Saturday morning.

"While extreme cold is nothing new for us, it's always important to take this weather seriously," **said County Executive Bello**. "The current forecast calls for wind chills as low as 24 degrees below zero. Uncovered skin can suffer frostbite in as little as 30 minutes under these conditions – so please be careful, bundle up when leaving the house, bring your pets inside and check on your vulnerable neighbors."

Under the county's Code Blue protocols — activated whenever overnight temperatures fall to 32 degrees or lower — outreach teams will work with homeless individuals to ensure they have shelter, transportation and meals for the duration of the cold weather event. A 24-hour warming center is available at Open Door Mission, 210 W. Main Street, Rochester.

Individuals seeking shelter during times of extreme cold can contact (585) 753-6044 during business hours and (585) 442-1742 after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

The current wind chill advisory issued from the National Weather Service runs from 4 a.m. Friday through 10 a.m. Saturday.

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